

## MANURE APPLICATOR, CONFINEMENT

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**Legal Authority** Code of Iowa 455B; Iowa Administrative Code, Chapter 65

**Job Description** Confinement manure applicators apply liquid or dry manure stored at a confinement feeding operation to the land, unless they are a small animal feeding operation. A small animal feeding operation is a site with less than 500 animal units. No fees are charged for the manure or the application of manure.

**Education & Experience Required** To become certified an applicator must either pass a Department of Natural Resources (DNR) administered 50-question exam or take training every year for three consecutive years. The fourth year of training to start the three-year cycle over must be completed by March 1 of the fourth year. Family farm members may be exempt from certification fees if all the requirements are met.

**Continuing Education** Applicant must take training every year for three consecutive years and the fourth year of training must be completed by March 1, which will begin the three-year cycle over.

**Examination** Applicants must take a 50-question Multiple Choice/True or False exam and must score 35 out of 50 to pass.

**Fees** Application: \$100 – Initial Certification  
Duration: 3 years  
Renewal: \$100  
Exam: No charge for exam or training. Fee is assessed when application/certification form is submitted.

**SOC Code, Title, & Avg. Hourly Wage** 45-9099 – All Other Farming, Fishing, and Forestry Workers (\$9.17)

**Number of Licenses Issued** Total number of certificates active as of December 31,  
2002: 1,207  
2001: 969